AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   1.   (Currently amended) A method for constructing [[a]] digital data streams ~~stream from~~

2   at a media server ~~for a user~~, comprising:

3   at said media server, receiving a first request for specified content ~~by said~~ from a first

4   user, wherein said specified content includes data representing an original

5   series of frames of digital information ;

6   consulting a first user profile associated with said first user;

7   determining the composition of ~~said~~ a first digital data stream to send to said first user

8   from said media server based upon said first user profile and said specified

9   content;

10   constructing said first customized digital data stream, where the step of constructing

11   said first customized digital data stream includes performing at least one of:

12   removing, from said original series of frames, one or more frames, wherein

13   said removed frames are selected based on said first user profile,

14   modifying audio information, associated with one or more of said original

15   series of frames, based on said first user profile, and

16   inserting additional frames of video, into said original series of frames, based

17   on said first user profile, wherein said additional frames of video do

18   not modify any frame in the original series of frames;

19   sending said first customized digital data stream from said media server to said first

20   user;

21   at said media server, receiving a second request for said specified content from a

22   second user;

23   consulting a second user profile associated with said second user;

24   determining the composition of a second digital data stream to send to said second

25   user from said media server based upon said second user profile and said

26   specified content;

27   constructing said second customized digital data stream, where the step of

28   constructing said second customized digital data stream includes performing

29   at least one of:

30   removing, from said original series of frames, one or more frames, wherein

31   said removed frames are selected based on said second user profile,

32   modifying audio information, associated with one or more of said original

33   series of frames, based on said second user profile, and

34   inserting additional frames of video, into said original series of frames, based

35   on said second user profile, wherein said additional frames of video do

36   not modify any frame in the original series of frames; and

37   sending said second customized digital data stream from said media server to said

38   second user,

39   wherein said first customized digital data stream is different than said second

40   customized digital data stream.

1   2.   (Cancelled).

1   3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein said step of sending

2   delivering said first customized digital data stream and said step of sending said

3   second customize digital data stream are to said user is performed over a network in

4   real time.

1   4.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein said step of sending

2   delivering said first customized digital data stream to said first user comprises:

3   storing said first customized digital data stream in a fixed storage medium; and

4   allowing said first user to access said fixed storage medium.

1   5-8.   (Cancelled).

1   9.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[8]] 1, wherein said additional frames of

2   video segment of digital video external from said specified content contains include

3   both audio and visual information.

1   10.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[8]] 1, wherein said step of sending said

2   first customized digital data stream from said media server to said first user includes:

3   presenting said additional frames of video one or more segments of digital video are

4   presented to said first user concurrently with said specified content.

1   11-14. (Cancelled).

1   15.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[14]] 1, wherein said step of constructing

2   said first customized digital data stream is performed by consulting a set of stored

3   rules are configured to consider regarding at least one member selected from the

4   group consisting of: identity of the <u>first</u> user, purchasing habits of the <u>first</u> user,

5   service status <u>of the first user</u>, [[or]] <u>and</u> viewing preferences indicated in [[a]] <u>said</u>

6   <u>first</u> user profile.

1 16.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[14]] <u>1</u>, wherein said <u>additional frames of</u>

2   <u>video include</u> ~~step of determining which content to include in said customized digital~~

3   ~~data stream includes:~~

4   ~~inserting or removing said content based upon said user identifier, wherein said~~

5   ~~content is~~ at least one member selected from the group consisting of<u>:</u> advertisements,

6   personalized statements regarding said <u>first user's</u> ~~client's~~ bill, and information

7   regarding special promotions.

1 17.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[14]] <u>1</u>, wherein said <u>original series of</u>

2   <u>frames of digital information are</u> ~~content of said customized digital data stream~~

3   ~~contains audio or video information~~ physically stored in more than one file.

1 18.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[14]] <u>1</u>, wherein said ~~content of said~~ <u>first</u>

2   customized digital data stream includes video information corresponding to closed

3   captioned text in a language indicated in said <u>first</u> user profile.

1 19.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[14]] <u>1</u>, where said ~~content of said~~ <u>first</u>

2   <u>customized</u> digital data stream includes audio translations in a language indicated in

3   said <u>first</u> user profile.

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1   20.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[14]] 1, where said ~~content of said~~ first

2   customized digital data stream includes video information corresponding to a

3   letterbox version of said specified content ~~requested digital data stream~~.

1   21.   (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of

2   instructions for constructing digital data streams ~~content from~~ at a media server ~~for a~~

3   ~~user~~, wherein execution of the one or more sequences of instructions by one or more

4   processors causes the one or more processors to perform the steps of:

5   at said media server, receiving a first request for specified content ~~by said~~ from a first

6   user, wherein said specified content includes data representing an original

7   series of frames of digital information ;

8   consulting a first user profile associated with said first user;

9   determining the composition of ~~said~~ a first digital data stream to send to said first user

10   from said media server based upon said first user profile and said specified

11   content;

12   constructing said first customized digital data stream, where the step of constructing

13   said first customized digital data stream includes performing at least one of:

14   removing, from said original series of frames, one or more frames, wherein

15   said removed frames are selected based on said first user profile,

16   modifying audio information, associated with one or more of said original

17   series of frames, based on said first user profile, and

18   inserting additional frames of video, into said original series of frames, based

19   on said first user profile, wherein said additional frames of video do

20   not modify any frame in the original series of frames;

21   sending said first customized digital data stream from said media server to said first

22   user;

23   at said media server, receiving a second request for said specified content from a

24   second user;

25   consulting a second user profile associated with said second user;

26   determining the composition of a second digital data stream to send to said second

27   user from said media server based upon said second user profile and said

28   specified content;

29   constructing said second customized digital data stream, where the step of

30   constructing said second customized digital data stream includes performing

31   at least one of:

32   removing, from said original series of frames, one or more frames, wherein

33   said removed frames are selected based on said second user profile,

34   modifying audio information, associated with one or more of said original

35   series of frames, based on said second user profile, and

36   inserting additional frames of video, into said original series of frames, based

37   on said second user profile, wherein said additional frames of video do

38   not modify any frame in the original series of frames; and

39   sending said second customized digital data stream from said media server to said

40   second user,

41   wherein said first customized digital data stream is different than said second

42   customized digital data stream.

1   22.   (Cancelled).

1   23.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[22]] 21, wherein said

2   step of sending delivering said first customized digital data stream and said step of

3   sending said second customized digital data stream to said user is performed over a

4   network in real time.

1   24.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[22]] 21, wherein said

2   step of sending delivering said customized digital data stream to said first user

3   comprises:

4   storing said first customized digital data stream in a fixed storage medium; and

5   allowing said first user to access said fixed storage medium.

1   25-28. (Cancelled).

1   29.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[28]] 21, wherein said

2   one or more segments of digital video external from said specified content contains

3   additional frames of video include both audio and visual information.

1   30.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[28]] 21, wherein said

2   step of sending said first customized digital data stream from said media server to said

3   first user includes:

4   presenting said additional frames of video ~~one or more segments of digital video are~~

5   ~~presented~~ to said first user concurrently with said specified content.

1   31-34. (Cancelled).

1   35.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[34]] 21, wherein said

2   step of constructing said first customized digital data stream is performed by

3   consulting a set of stored rules ~~are configured to consider~~ regarding at least one

4   member selected from the group consisting of: identity of the first user, purchasing

5   habits of the first user, service status of the first user, [[or]] and viewing preferences

6   indicated in [[a]] said first user profile.

1   36.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[34]] 21, wherein said

2   additional frames of video include ~~step of determining which content to include in~~

3   ~~said customized digital data stream includes:~~

4   ~~inserting or removing said content based upon said user identifier, wherein said~~

5   ~~content is~~ at least one member selected from the group consisting of:

6   advertisements, personalized statements regarding said first user's ~~client's~~ bill,

7   and information regarding special promotions.

1   37.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[34]] 21, wherein said

2   original series of frames of digital information are ~~content of said customized digital~~

3   ~~data stream contains audio or video information~~ physically stored in more than one

4   file.

1   38.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[34]] 21, wherein said

2   first ~~content of said~~ customized digital data stream includes video information

3   corresponding to closed captioned text in a language indicated in said first user

4   profile.

1   39.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[34]] 21, where said

2   ~~content of said~~ first customized digital data stream includes audio translations in a

3   language indicated in said first user profile.

1   40.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[34]] 21, where said

2   ~~content of said~~ first customized digital data stream includes video information

3   corresponding to a letterbox version of said specified content~~requested digital data~~

4   ~~stream~~.

1   41-47. (Cancelled).